

BRAD LITTLE GOVERNOR

April 5, 2022

Lonni Leavitt-Barker Camp Rainbow Gold, Inc. 1020 W. Main Street, Suite 312 Boise, Idaho 83702

Dear Lonni,

Thank you for presenting the plans for Camp Rainbow Gold and Hidden Paradise. Your goal to complete construction of Idaho's first medically designed, adaptive, and accessible camp for children and adults fighting cancer and other debilitating illnesses emphasizes your focus on improving the quality of life for those who are battling great adversity. I applaud you for your perseverance through the challenges of the last few years.

I support your efforts to obtain grant money and other available funding for this noble project. This first-of-its-kind camp in Idaho will offer a place for the children and their families to connect safely and securely with nature. Camp Rainbow Gold's effort is a testimony to the values of the people of our great state.

Sincerely,

Brad Little

Governor of Idaho



Camas County Board of Commissioners P.O. Box 430 Fairfield, Idaho 83327 208-764-2242

Re: Camp Rainbow Gold Support

April 11, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

It is our pleasure to write a letter on behalf of Camp Rainbow Gold in support of their efforts to build the much needed Idaho medical camp, Hidden Paradise in Camas County, Idaho. We are thrilled that their home for this is in our county. It has been a welcome addition to our community and we look forward to the opportunities that may arise as they continue to grow. In 2019, Camp Rainbow Gold purchased an old golf course resort with 26 buildings on 172 acres where they set about building what will be Idaho's only medically designed, adaptive and accessible camp—to serve not only their cancer camps but non-profits from across the state. Many in Idaho have rallied behind the project and they have raised nearly \$9 million in support. CRG remodeled many of the existing buildings to safely hold their camps in 2021 (after going virtual due to Covid the year before). This year, there will be 11 camps held at Hidden Paradise—six of them from other Idaho non-profits. This is two years ahead of schedule.

Camp Rainbow Gold is in a difficult phase of the project where they are needing to raise \$3 million to replace and upgrade the existing and antiquated infrastructure. The current power, water, and septic systems are having issues supporting the existing buildings. Blue Cross of Idaho has donated \$2.1 million to build an on-site health center. Idaho builder, Blackrock Homes is building 12 new ADA cabins and 2 shower houses (a donation worth more than \$3 million). None of this, nor other donations can move forward without the necessary foundation for the camp being upgraded and expanded.

We hope you will choose to join all of us that are picking up a hammer and helping to heal Idaho by building this camp.

Sincerely,

Camas County Commissioners

Travis Kramer

Camas County Commissioner Chair



City of Fairfield

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April 8, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Mayor of Fairfield, Idaho in Camas County, I can speak on behalf of our residents and tell you we not only support but we are excited to have Idaho's new medical camp blossoming in our community. There is nothing in the state of Idaho that is designed for children or adults with medical or physical challenges and disabilities. This will fill a void in our state and be a welcome addition to our community. We look forward to doing what we can to help this facility succeed and to see the opportunities that may arise as they continue to grow.

When Camp Rainbow Gold purchased the old golf course resort with 26 buildings, the property had sat shuttered for several years and needed some attention and care. We've watched in amazement as the organization has remodeled most of the buildings and brought life back to what was once a vibrant part of our community. We applaud them for supporting many of our local businesses and tradesmen. And we are excited to see Hidden Paradise up and running two years ahead of schedule. We understand that this summer, there will be 11 camps held at Hidden Paradise—six of them from other Idaho non-profits.

Camp Rainbow Gold is in a difficult phase of the project where they are needing to raise at least \$3 million to replace and upgrade the existing and antiquated infrastructure. The current power, water, and septic systems are having issues supporting the existing buildings. Blue Cross of Idaho has donated \$2.1 million to build an on-site health center. Idaho builder, Blackrock Homes is building 12 new ADA cabins and 2 shower houses (a donation worth more than \$3 million). None of this, nor other donations can move forward without the necessary foundation for the camp being upgraded and expanded.

Please join me and the rest of our community in supporting this much needed place of healing. We need to get this built for all of Idaho.

Sincerely,

Mayor Terry S. Lee City of Fairfield



From the Desk of David H. Bieter

Camp Rainbow Gold, Inc. 1020 W. Main St. Suite 312 Boise, ID 83702

April 12, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my unique pleasure to write this letter of support for Camp Rainbow Gold to be awarded grants for the building of Hidden Paradise, the first medically designed, accessible, and adaptive camp in Idaho.

From 2004, until 2020, I served as the Mayor of Boise. During those many years I interacted with dozens of nonprofits and charitable organizations. Camp Rainbow Gold stood out among those many causes and organizations because of their commitment to serving the profound needs of these young people whose cancer diagnoses present challenges few of us can fully understand.

Some years ago, I was asked to participate directly in one of their fundraisers. I met many of the young people who attend Camp Rainbow Gold. Meeting those young people showed me firsthand just how important Camp Rainbow Gold is, and I came away deeply moved by the experience. I am sure that should any of you get the opportunity to see up close the work of Camp Rainbow Gold you simply cannot help but be affected in a manner you won't forget.

I am sure you are presented with many worthy projects that compete for limited resources. But after years of seeing so many important efforts, I can attest that few if any provide as much vital help when time is so very much of the essence as Camp Rainbow Gold. I would be happy to answer questions or talk to you directly.

Thank you,

Representative Mike Simpson 2084 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Simpson,

On behalf of Idaho agriculture, please accept our strong support of Camp Rainbow Gold and their proposal for Community Project Funding.

Camp Rainbow Gold is a nonprofit organization serving Idaho children diagnosed with cancer and their families. They provide summer camp for kids with cancer, siblings of kids with cancer, and family camp. While that takes a tremendous amount of time, energy, and passion, their vision is actually much larger – they are striving to build Idaho's only universally accessible camp that will not only serve children with cancer and their families, but other nonprofits and organizations across the state who are also supporting children and adults faced with medical, physical, mental, or emotional challenges.

One thing the Idaho agriculture community and the Camp Rainbow Gold community share is a love for rural Idaho, and a home in rural Idaho. Camp had been searching for a permanent home and found it in Hidden Paradise in Camas County. With the acquisition of this property, their long-term vision came more into focus – and their needs expanded significantly. Not only did they need to build new cabins, shower houses, a new health center, and a main lodge – but the property needs infrastructure investments. One thing those of us in Idaho agriculture understand is how important infrastructure is. Community Project Funding will go a long way to fund these critical infrastructure needs.

Congressman Simpson, we appreciate your passion for rural Idaho and the support you've shown Idaho agriculture over the years – we hope that, like us, you will find Camp Rainbow Gold's proposal valuable and worthy of funding.

Sincerely,

Food Producers of Idaho

Idaho Ag in the Classroom

Idaho Cattle Association

Idaho Dairymen's Association

Idaho Grain Producers Association

Idaho Hay and Forage Association

Idaho Onion Growers Association

Idaho Water Users Association

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April 12, 2022

To whom it may concern,

I write this letter in support of Camp Rainbow Gold (CRG) and their application for an infrastructure grant to help support the first ever medical camp in the state of Idaho. I have been fortunate to have volunteered and supported Camp Rainbow Gold over the past 15 years and have seen the wonderful benefits this camp provides children throughout our state who are living with a cancer diagnosis and their families.

Two summers ago, I had the opportunity to volunteer with others who value CRG and help with the demolition and breakdown of the recently purchased property. Hidden Paradise, to help prepare for the remodel work that was needed to make it functional for CRG camps and programs. The following spring, I returned to Hidden Paradise and witnessed firsthand the amazing transformation that occurred over the previous year to enable CRG campers to come to enjoy and utilize this precious haven.

Last summer CRG held camps for their campers and will again this coming summer. But in addition, CRG has opened up to five other like-minded organizations who will bring their campers to Hidden Paradise next summer. And that number will surely grow as more organizations become aware of this amazing resource. Hidden Paradise is truly an Idaho community project, benefiting us all.

As a person who uses a wheelchair, I know how important it is for facilities to be fully accessible, so no one feels left out. I also know how rare that is in a rural state like Idaho. That is just one reason why Hidden Paradise, the new forever home of CRG and numerous other organizations that desire to share the space with their groups, is so valuable.

Idaho has never had a fully accessible medical camp like what CRG is aiming to build. The opportunity for kids with immense medical needs to participate and attend a summer camp with fellow kids, where they are safe and assured their medical needs will be met, is an exciting, and much overdue, concept. I am thrilled at this possibility and cannot wait to witness the joy on campers' faces, young campers who thought they could never participate in a summer camp.

Thank you for considering this important request,

Muffy Davis

Blaine County Commissioner



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House of Representatives State of Idaho

April 12, 2022

RE: Support for the 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Community Project

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to offer my strong support for the Camp Rainbow Gold Medical Camp. This project will be in Fairfield which offers lots of wide-open space for kids to enjoy the great outdoor wonders of Idaho. Idaho offers no other such opportunities for children with needs of all kinds anywhere else in Idaho.

Having had the privilege of volunteering at the facility, I have worked to help build the vision for this wonderful camp that offers fun to those in the world of cancer. Their mission to provide emotionally empowering experiences to Idaho's children diagnosed with cancer and their families at no cost is priceless and most rewarding. They have raised over \$8 million in support for their work. This year alone they will be host to 11 camps at the Hidden Paradise facility. Camp Rainbow gold will host 5 camps and lease it out for an additional 6 camps hosted by like-minded organizations.

This grant is for additional funds for a much-needed medical camp that Camp Rainbow Gold is spearheading. I can't begin to tell you the value of a medically designed regional camp facility like this and the number of kids that it will support. They have partnered with Blue Cross of Idaho to assist with the health needs of participants as well as others to build the many structures at the site.

I am in full support of this application and strongly urge your consideration of this project. It will have nothing but a positive impact to families in our great state.

Sincerely,

Representative Sally Toone

District 26-Blaine, Camas, Gooding, and Lincoln Counties



April 12, 2022

To whom it may concern,

I have worked in the construction industry for 36 years and have had an opportunity to be a part of the some of the largest projects in many different markets across the United States. For the past 18 years, I have been an owner of one of the largest commercial builders in the State of Idaho; McAlvain Companies, performing work throughout our region, including in and around the home of Camp Rainbow Gold in Camas County. I have served on many industry, state, and private boards during my tenure at McAlvain, including president of the Idaho Association of General Contractors (AGC). Although I have lived and worked all over this country pursuing my career, my professional and personal roots in the Gem State run very deep. I am an Idaho native and serving those that serve this great state continues to be one of my highest priorities. The beautiful State of Idaho with its bounty of nature and scenic beauty helps to heal all things. Even for myself, the great outdoors of Idaho is ingrained my identity, culture and wellbeing and needs to be shared with those who need it most.

During my career, I have overseen billions of dollars in new construction that has changed the face of not only our state, but different regions throughout North America. At this point in my life and career, those projects are just distant memories. Closest to my heart is this project where my professional experiences can help make a difference for the families and children and multiple not for profit organizations that can utilize a place such as Hidden Paradise.

Camp Rainbow Gold's project to build a medical camp for Idaho is personal to me. Not only because I am a cancer survivor, but because I believe so strongly in this organization, its oversight team and the multitude of volunteers who make these camps possible. I see the need for this accessible, uniquely designed facility that will serve so many. Not only have I joined the Board of Directors for the charity, but I've also jumped into the role of overseeing the entire remodeling and the future construction at Hidden Paradise. We have compiled an amazing team of top construction executives and engineers in this state; all who are giving much of their time and knowledge to plan and build this camp.

We have scrambled during the pandemic to remodel 14 buildings, tear out an old swimming pool and create an outdoor dining area so that these children who have sacrificed so much of their childhood could still be together, enjoy Idaho's outdoors, and find the healing that comes through laughter and comradery. Two years ahead of schedule, we have welcomed campers to Hidden Paradise and now, this year, there will be 11 camps held on site—six of them from other Idaho non-profits.

Our focus now is the most difficult phase of the project; raising the funds and getting the work done on several million dollars of repairs and replacement of antiquated systems and new infrastructure to support both the new and exciting facilities that are a part of the overall master plan. The current power, water, and septic systems are woefully under designed and in disrepair or in non-working status. Not only do we need to fix what is on the property, but we desperately need to upgrade new systems to support the future. We have approximately \$5.5 million dollars in donated construction of buildings that cannot fully move forward without the necessary foundation for the camp being upgraded and expanded.

The funding we need would be used to upgrade in a phased manner the water distribution and pumping system for the three existing wells on site, construct a permitted, phased Large Soil Absorption System (LSAS) septic system to replace existing and serve new facilities, and the upgrade, repair and replacement of existing primary

power service and medium voltage power distribution system, building of new roads and ADA accessible pathways. All this work is necessary to support and allow the construction to move forward with the on-site medical building, the other ADA cabins, support buildings and ancillary structures.

I ask you to approve this funding to help Idaho create a safe, secure, and welcoming camp that will serve countless individuals who all deserve a chance to heal in a place where they can connect with the outdoor and natural treasures that Idaho has to offer in a safe, fun, and interactive way.

Sincerely,

Chuck Graves

President, McAlvain Companies



Jordan-Wilcomb Construction, Inc.

April 4, 2022

RE: Camp Rainbow Gold – Hidden Paradise Camp near Fairfield, idaho

To whom it may concern:

For the last 20 years, my company (Jordan-Wilcomb Construction), and I have been building camp facilities for various non-profit organizations. We are currently working with Camp Rainbow Gold to develop a full service, medically oriented "Hidden Paradise Camp" facility near Fairfield, Idaho. Camp Rainbow Gold, which for the past 4 decades has focused on supporting kids with cancer and their families, is now expanding their camp facilities and filling a void by offering the camp to other groups that may need extra medical support. With this expanded use comes addition challenges in building design, infrastructure development, and increased expenses.

When building the YMCA Camp at Horsethief Reservoir in central Idaho, from 2002 to 2012, I became involved in many aspects of the development, including land acquisition, campus design, infrastructure development, facility construction, and fund raising. The most difficult of these aspects was the development of the \$3,000,000 infrastructure (i.e. roads, water, fire water, waste water, power and data) and the fund raising to support this infrastructure development. Fortunately, many individuals, foundations, and private organizations enjoyed donating to the physical structures ... unfortunately, raising funds for the "less visual" components for the infrastructure was much more difficult. Donors are happy to allow their dollars and names to be associated with a lodge or a cabin, however, getting support for a "sewage lagoon" was a challenge.

Camp Rainbow Gold is not only faced with the challenges of upgrading, and adding to, a deteriorating infrastructure, it is also expanding their focus to service other medically based organization. Other facilities in Idaho have considered expanding their focus to include medically designed, accessible and adaptive camps, but found this specialization to be very expensive.

I urge everyone to support the development of Hidden Paradise Camp facility near Fairfield, Idaho. Please help Camp Rainbow Gold turn their vision into a reality.

Sincerely,

Tim Wilcomb

President

Jordan-Wilcomb Construction, Inc.



Re: Camp Rainbow Gold

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Camp Rainbow Gold (CRG) and the amazing work that they do. I became aware of this organization years ago when I nominated one of our employees, Jeff Christensen, for the St. Luke's President's Award. As part of the application, I needed to document all of the reasons why I thought Jeff was an outstanding example of our organization's values and commitment. In the process, I got to know him better, and learned about his association with Camp Rainbow Gold. As it turns out, Jeff had attended CRG as a child, and now donates his time each year to support the camp's activities. I was so impressed by his level of commitment to CRG, as well as the sacrifice of time and talent, that I wanted to know more about the organization. What I learned was truly amazing.

As you well know, CRG's current work is focused on pediatric cancer patients, ages 6-17. Free of charge, and open to children with cancer or survivors of childhood cancer, these camps support the whole family since all are affected by a diagnosis of cancer. They serve about 400 children and family members per year, and their work is certified by the American Camp Association. The CRG support provides a critical support element for these patients and families-to teach them that they are not alone, they are not different from other children, and they have a community of supportive people who can provide hope in their darkest hours. Providing this level of support to a medically ill and complex population is not simple. Through the support of St. Luke's Children's Cancer Institute staff and physicians, the CRG children and their families are able to participate in these activities knowing that if they have medical needs, they can be addressed on site with professional care and competence.

And CRG's support of these children and families does not necessarily end after a cancer has been successfully cured. Through their scholarship program, CRG has provided more than \$750,000 in awards to pediatric cancer survivors to help them to an adult life with more meaning and responsibility. Moreover, the impact that CRG has on survivors and families creates a continuous giving circle, with many former camp participants becoming financial supporters or generously giving of their time to support the mission. Jeff Christensen, my connection to this work, was one of those children.

Finally, CRG is no flash in the pan. They've been providing these services and doing this amazing work for nearly 40 years. Tens of thousands of our fellow citizens have been touched by their efforts.

Now CRG is leading the charge to build a "Medical Camp" to serve Idaho. The plan for this property is to provide a safe, welcoming, medically designed accessible and adaptive facility to host other pediatric disorders as well as medically complex adult patients. I believe this would be a wonderful direction, bringing the light of CRG to a multitude of other people who are also suffering with the isolation that medical illness can bring. We are truly blessed in Southwest Idaho to have fantastic healthcare services to heal the body and cure the disease, but the additional social and educational support that CRG brings provides an opportunity to engage patients in their own health that can be transformative.

I am writing this letter to share my personal support for CRG, the work they have done, and the work they will do. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with the organization in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

James P. Souza, MD

Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

Chief Medical Officer

St. Luke's Health System

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April 8, 2022

To Whom it May Concern.

I am writing this letter in support of the ongoing commitment that Camp Rainbow Gold has shown to the community at large. They have dedicated themselves and their resources to providing the only outdoor recreation camp in the State of Idaho that provides for the needs of those with special medical and other adaptive needs. Not only have they provided care and hope to those children and families battling cancer, but they have opened their doors and their hearts to many other organizations that care for the physical and psychological needs of the communities that call Idaho home.

Saint Alphonsus, as a Catholic Health System prioritizes Community Health and Well Being and is proud to partner with and support the mission of Camp Rainbow Gold. We look forward to seeing many local, regional, and state champions join in supporting Camp Rainbow Gold Camp Rainbow Gold is critically needed community health resource. We look forward to ongoing an partnership with the camp and with all the partners they engage to continue with their growth and development as Idaho's Medical Camp in the state of Idaho.

Sincerely

Christopher Stock

Saint Alphonsus Health System

Vice-President of Community Health and Well Being.



4/12/2022

RE: Hidden Paradise - Camp Rainbow Gold

Dear Congressman Simpson,

Each year, important decisions are made at the state and federal level regarding the allocation of tax dollars to numerous competing interests. We believe that this process provides an opportunity for the government to positively impact selected organizations that take on the task of providing services to those who need it the most. Camp Rainbow Gold is one of those organizations.

Camp Rainbow Gold's dedicated team of staff and volunteers work to serve children who have been diagnosed with cancer and care for their families. Hidden Paradise, owned and operated by Camp Rainbow Gold is a one-of-a-kind facility in Idaho that is a purpose-built medical camp with outdoor experiences and activities to give these children a break from hospital rooms and get them in touch with nature.

While Hidden Paradise is a truly special place, it does have the need for critical infrastructure and other upgrades. It is our hope that you will look at this facility and program in the same light and advocate to provide funding assistance to help them continue to improve services and operate as a staple in our community.

Sincerely,

Randy Steed, CEO

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Scott Steed, President

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Chris Steed, Vice President

Rob Smiley, Director of Preconstruction



April 4, 2022

To whom it may concern:

At Blackrock Homes, we like to say, "we know Idaho, we helped build it." With over 25 years in the residential construction business, we felt it was time to give back. And we can't think of a better project that will have greater impact on Idaho children, families, and adults than helping to build Idaho's first and only medical camp, Hidden Paradise.

Every child deserves a chance to play, to be around friends, and to experience the joy that comes with being outside and enjoying nature. Too many Idaho children have not been able to experience the healing magic that comes with going to summer camp—due to medical, physical, or mental challenges or disabilities.

We applaud Camp Rainbow Gold for spearheading the building of Hidden Paradise, the first medically designed, accessible and adaptive camp—a facility this state sorely needs. We have pledged to build 12 ADA cabins for the camp and two shower houses because we believe in the vision for this camp, and we know the impact it will have on countless children and families that have been unfairly given challenges and trials in this life.

Join us in picking up a hammer and helping us physically or financially heal Idaho by building this camp.

Sincerely

Jake Centers, Owner



April 12, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Micron Women's Leadership Network (MWLN) would like to support Camp Rainbow Gold in their efforts to build the much needed medically designed camp - Hidden Paradise for all of Idaho. MWLN is a Micron Employee Resource Group (ERG) with an aim to strengthen the leadership, engagement, and voices of women at Micron and in the communities, we live in. We are excited to be working with Camp Rainbow Gold to support their efforts to build this unique facility.

In 2019, Camp Rainbow Gold purchased an old golf course resort with 26 buildings on 172 acres where they set about building what will be Idaho's only medically designed, adaptive and accessible camp. This will serve not only their cancer camps but several other non-profits from across the state of Idaho working with children with disabilities.

MWLN's community charter is to create value and make a difference in our local community, benefiting women and children through empowerment activities, while upskilling our members' leadership and professional potential. We are proud to be joining forces with the community as an act of solidarity to the many who will benefit from the facilities and programs at 'Hidden Paradise'.

As a large employer, Micron has a diverse group of team members (TM), including but not limited to TMs who are differently able or have family members who are challenged mentally and physically. What attracts us to supporting this special camp is that it will serve children, adults, veterans, and families from across Idaho.

Every child (no matter the age) deserves to be included, to play outside and flourish in a safe environment. There are no facilities in the entire state of Idaho that are safe and welcoming for children or adults with disabilities. Camp Rainbow Gold's 'Hidden Paradise' project will be that magical safe place of healing and joy, of forging new friendships, and making life-lasting memories.

Inclusion is a huge part of our values at Micron, and we would love to see that embraced and in play, as we design the future of our communities in Idaho. Hidden Paradise holds that promise and potential. We would like to urge you to join hands to materialize this dream of inclusion and a space for all in Idaho.

Sincerely,

Aparna Limaye

Chair, MWLN (On Behalf of MWLN Steering Committee)

April 7, 2022

To Whom it may concern:

I joined Camp Rainbow Gold as a board member over 5 years ago. As a physician in the Treasure Valley for 20 years, I have witnessed the immense struggles parents and their children go through when faced with cancer. There needs to be a holistic approach in treating this life altering illness, and Camp Rainbow Gold fills a void in our community as an integral part of cancer recovery for families and their children who have cancer.

Through tremendous support of our community, Camp Rainbow Gold has created Idaho's first medical camp in Fairfield, ID. "Hidden Paradise" is a magical place where children can go and be kids, not be judged, forget their life with cancer for a period of time, and heal through play and unconditional love. Families impacted by cancer can share their stories and receive support from their community. Hidden Paradise empowers children and their families to overcome their illnesses and the emotional trauma associated with them.

It has been inspiring to see our campers and volunteers at Hidden Paradise and watch them participate in the healing process outside of a hospital room. Please help us make Hidden Paradise a playground that will last well into the future and continue its journey in providing emotional support for children with cancer and their families.

Brian Goltry, MD

St. Luke's Idaho Pulmonary Associates